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FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.60(b)

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.60 (b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/775,216 filed on 31 December 1996 of:

Inventors : Scott A. MOSKOWITZ et al.

## STEGANOGRAPHIC METHOD AND DEVICE

Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application Serial No. 08/489,172 as originally filed on 7 June 1995, which is the parent of application Serial No. 08/775,216 filed 31 December 1996, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed which are enclosed are as follows:

36 pages of specification

17 pages of claims

11 pages of appendix

1 page of abstract

4 pages of declaration/power of attorney  
(2 signed counter-parts) filed on 7 Aug. 1995

2 Verified Statements Claiming Small Entity Status  
filed on 7 August 1995.

2. Amendments.

a) Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line - This is a division of application Serial Number 08/775,216 filed 31 December 1996, which is a division of application Serial Number 08/489,172 filed 7 June 1995, now patent number 5,613,004 issued 18 March 1997.

b) Please cancel claims 2-24 before calculating the filing fee.

c) A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. The filing fee is calculated below after consideration of the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS AS FILED

No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee .....			\$770.00
Total Claims 37 - 20 = 17	x \$ 22.00		= \$374.00
Indep. Claims 1 - 3 = 0	x \$ 80.00		= \$ -0-
SUB-TOTAL .....			\$1,144.00
Less 1/2 reduction for small entity .....			\$ 572.00
TOTAL FEE .....			<u>\$ 572.00</u>

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 in the amount of \$572.00 to cover the filing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of the application or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- Any filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and any fees for the presentation of extra claims.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

6. The prior grand-parent application Serial No. 08/489,172 has been assigned to THE DICE COMPANY, Palo Alto,

California, which assignment has been recorded at the Patent and Trademark Office on 6 June 1996 at Reel 7983, Frame 827.

7. The power of attorney in the prior application is to  
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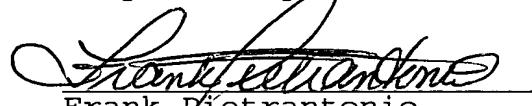
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8. Also enclosed are:

- 1) A Preliminary Amendment;
- 2) Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449 listing all the references submitted or cited in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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